

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO ANDREA VAN DE KAMP

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 14, 2017

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Andrea Van de Kamp, of Pasadena, California, upon receiving the prestigious Rose Award from the Los Angeles Parks Foundation.

Born in Michigan, Andrea attended Michigan State University and received her Master's Degree from the Teacher's College of Columbia University. Andrea has an impressive and varied career in business, fundraising and the arts. These include serving as Associate Director of Admissions for Dartmouth College, Director of Public Affairs for Carter Hawley Hale Stores, Executive Director of the Southern California Coro Foundation, Director of Development at the Museum of Contemporary Art, and President and CEO of the Independent Colleges of Southern California where she administered annual funding campaigns for 15 colleges. In addition, she was Managing Director of Sotheby's West Coast Operations and Vice President of Sotheby's North America.

Andrea is well known for her energy, good sense of humor, and exceptional people skills, and those traits have been invaluable to the many arts organizations she has been involved with. A volunteer for the Music Center: Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles for many years, she chaired the center's Board of Governors, chaired the Operating Company, was a member of The Blue Ribbon—the center's women's support group, and chaired the foundation giving fund. One of her greatest achievements was in 1995 when Andrea took up the challenge and embarked on a vigorous funding campaign and raised the remaining \$264 million needed to build the Walt Disney Concert Hall.

In addition to the Music Center, where she is Chair Emeritus, she served on the Walt Disney Company Board of Directors, the UCLA Hammer Museum Board of Directors, Vice Chaired the California Council of the Humanities, was Co-Chair of the Los Angeles Arts Task Force, as well as serving on various financial and business organizations. In addition to the Los Angeles Parks Foundation Rose Award, Ms. Van de Kamp was honored with the 2003 Junior League of Los Angeles' Lifetime Community Achievement Award.

Andrea and her late husband, former California Attorney General John Van de Kamp, have one daughter, Diana.

I ask all Members to join me in thanking Andrea Van de Kamp of Pasadena, California for her extensive and outstanding contributions to the arts in the greater Los Angeles community.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE MISSING CHILDREN'S ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 14, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Missing Children's Assistance Amendment Act of 2017, along with Congressional Black Caucus Chair CEDRIC RICHMOND (D-LA), House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member JOHN CONYERS (D-MI), Congressional Caucus on Black Women and Girls Co-Chair BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN (D-NJ), YVETTE CLARKE (D-NY), KAREN BASS (D-CA), GRACE NAPOLITANO (D-CA), SHEILA JACKSON LEE (D-TX), JOYCE BEATTY (D-OH), ANDRÉ CARSON (D-IN), MAXINE WATERS (D-CA), JOHN LEWIS (D-GA), ROBERT BRADY (D-PA), FREDERICA WILSON (D-FL), and PRAMILA JAYAPAL (D-WA). The bill would require the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to collect and publish broad demographic characteristics, including race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity, of missing children.

Congress has long recognized that missing children are a national problem. In 2013, Congress required OJJDP to conduct national incidence studies of missing children every three years instead of periodically. Such a study is now underway. However, my bill would require OJJDP to collect, break down, and publish demographic characteristics, including subgroups, of these missing children. It is critical that the public know if there is a disproportionate number of missing children of color, particularly missing girls of color, which may be an underreported national problem. Experts need to first measure the incidences, and then study whether children have been trafficked, abducted, are running away, or are missing for other reasons, and make recommendations.

The last national comprehensive study of missing children by OJJDP was based on a survey conducted in 1999, known as the National Incidence Studies of Missing, Abducted, Runaway, and Thrownaway Children (NISMART-2). Currently, OJJDP is conducting a new study, known as NISMART-3. However, there is no statutory requirement that the triennial study collect or publish demographic characteristics of missing children. For instance, while NISMART-2 published race and gender data, it did not publish any subgroups, such as the number of girls of color missing.

It is more important than ever to have reliable statistics on missing children. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

A TRIBUTE TO HOLLY HAMPTON—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

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OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my congressional district. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Holly Hampton of Echo Park, a unique neighborhood in Los Angeles, California.

Holly Hampton has been a resident of Echo Park for many years, calling this historic neighborhood and community home since 1989. Ms. Hampton currently serves as Vice President of the Echo Park Historical Society's Board of Directors, which preserves and promotes the neighborhood's architectural and cultural heritage. Holly also serves as Chair of the Historic Echo Park Home Tours.

Ms. Hampton, a professional graphic designer, has been recognized for her involvement in numerous community design projects. Most notably, she participated as a judge for the Echo Park Community Parade's children's art contest for the past six years, and has designed installations for the Echo Park Historical Society. She received recognition from the City of Los Angeles at the Echo Park Farmers' Market's 10 year anniversary for her work with Katrina Alexy, an artist, on the creation of the market logo.

In 2001, Ms. Hampton purchased a home in Echo Park, and became active in the development of her local neighborhood watch, which included neighbors on Grafton Street, Lemoyne Street, Effie Street, Lake Shore Avenue and Lobdell Place. She also began partnering with the Los Angeles City Council 13th District Office to organize staircase street clean-up events in an effort to help maintain the public staircase located on her street.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Holly Hampton.

HONORING MINNESOTA PAINTERS LOCAL 681 ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rochester, Minnesota's Painters Local 681 on their 100th anniversary. Local 681 should be immensely proud of this achievement and of the excellent work they have done for our community over the many

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years. Organizing for fair pay and safe working conditions is a fundamental right of all workers, and I applaud Local 681 for building and preserving this important tradition.

A TRIBUTE TO BETTY PORTO—
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

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The success of the Porto family stems from humble beginnings in Manzanillo, Cuba. After Fidel Castro's violent revolution erupted in Cuba in the 1950s, Raul, Sr. and his wife, Rosa requested permission to leave the country. As they waited for approval, both Raul, Sr. and Rosa were dismissed from their jobs. To support their three children, Betty, Raul, Jr., and Margarita, Rosa, a talented baker, refined her recipes and started selling her cakes to neighbors and friends. The Porto family's request to leave the country was eventually approved, and they entered the United States in the early 1970s. In the United States, they opened a bakery in the Echo Park area of Los Angeles that quickly flourished, and Betty Porto, in addition to her siblings, was there to lend a helping hand.

Betty Porto attended John Marshall High School in Los Angeles, and simultaneously worked at the family's bakery, Porto's Bakery & Café, taking care of the front of the house since she loved interacting with people and enjoyed customer service. Her mother, who valued the importance of receiving a higher education and credits a large part of her success to having a bachelor's degree, influenced Betty's love of learning. Upon graduating from high school, Betty received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in political science from California State University, Los Angeles, and the University of California, Los Angeles, respectively. Her goal was to attend law school, but she quickly changed her mind as spending time with her family at the bakery had awakened her passion for the family business, and she wanted to support her parents, keeping in mind all the sacrifices they had made to give her a better life.

Over the years, Ms. Porto and her siblings became increasingly involved in the community by supporting many worthwhile organizations, including Glendale Healthy Kids, American Red Cross, Glendale police and fire departments, and the Alex Theatre to name a few. For the past seven years, Betty has been a staunch supporter of Union Rescue Mission, donating the remaining food from Porto's Bakery & Café at the end of each day. She also gives tours of Porto's Bakery & Café to culinary students, to show them firsthand, out of the classroom setting, how to run a bakery, and has even hired some of these students to work at Porto's Bakery & Café. Betty and

Rick, her husband of twenty-five years, have two daughters.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Betty Porto.

A TRIBUTE TO LENA
KORTOSHIAN—28TH CONGRES-
SIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF
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Ms. Kortoshian attended California State University, Northridge, where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics, and a Master's Degree in Leadership and Policy Studies.

For many years, Ms. Kortoshian has been a pillar of education and an avid supporter of our youth. Lena's career in education began in 1986, when she was working as an instructional assistant at an elementary and a middle school in the Glendale Unified School District. Since then, she has served in many capacities, including as a mathematics teacher at Glendale High School and Clark Magnet High School, Assistant Principal of Herbert Hoover High School, and a Mathematics Administrator at the Los Angeles County Office of Education. Lena has also served as Assistant Principal and Associate Principal of Clark Magnet High School, and is currently Principal of the school.

Lena has always dedicated her time and efforts to ensure the success of her students. She served as a volunteer math tutor with the Committee for Armenian Students in Public Schools, a non-profit organization that addresses both the educational and social needs of immigrant children in public schools, and continues to tutor students after school, giving special attention to each student she helps. Lena is also a Member of the Board of Regents of Prelacy Armenian Schools—a board which is appointed by the Prelate and Executive Council of the Western Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America.

Over the years, Lena has received recognition for her contributions to the community, such as the Armenian American Chamber of Commerce's "Friend of the Armenian Community" award.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Lena Kortoshian.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
ROBERT A.D. SCHWARTZ

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 14, 2017

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay final tribute to Robert A.D. Schwartz. Mr. Schwartz died on February 18, 2017 in his Oakland, California home, at the age of 92. He was a businessman, philanthropist, patron of the arts, and jazz musician.

Mr. Schwartz was born in 1925 in Chicago, and received his B.S. in June 1944 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Upon graduation, he joined the Navy and was sent to the Pacific.

Bob moved to Oakland in 1951, where he founded Schwartz & Lindheim and later Keysource International, which develops and manufactures specialized keyboards for industry. He later earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Golden Gate University Law School, becoming a member of the California State Bar in 1974.

In 1979, Mr. Schwartz founded the Robert A.D. Schwartz Foundation. The foundation's mission is to develop vocational, musical and citizenship educational programs. His philanthropic work also led him to serve as chairman of Urban Strategies Council, a non-profit organization, which works to eliminate persistent poverty in the Bay Area.

He also founded Peer Tutoring Resources Center, which works to support the development of caring and collaborative citizens by enhancing the use, expansion and sustainability of peer tutoring—a model engaging students as instructors and leaders in classrooms and across schools.

In recognition of his contributions to the Oakland community, Bob was named Oakland Citizen of the Year in 1996, and December 14 2016 was proclaimed "Robert Schwartz Day" in Oakland.

An avid musician, Mr. Schwartz was instrumental in reviving the Oakland Symphony, and started his own jazz band which played for seniors at local retirement homes.

As chairman of the Northern California Democratic Party, Bob worked tirelessly on many campaigns, including my own campaigns for Congress.

On a personal note, Bob was a trusted confidant, a brilliant strategist, and most important, a loyal friend who I loved very much.

I invite my colleagues to join me as I offer condolences to his loving family, and his loving wife Debbra Wood Schwartz.

Robert A.D. Schwartz will be greatly missed but his legacy as a creative spirit and a trail-blazer community activist will live on as a source of inspiration for generations to come.

A TRIBUTE TO ANNE-MARIE JOHN-
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